

Shr. Oct. 30. '37.
 Rev. Geo. Allen.



Br. Phelps,

Yrs. of 20th Dec. or Sat. 1st, that has late
 to answer it by the mail of this morn. The meeting at
 Spencer, week before last, on the subject of a Clerical
 County A. S. Convention, was adjourned to meet at Leicester,
 this forenoon. There were present, I think, fourteen in-
 vited ministers of different denominations, Orthodox and
 Unitarian Congregationalists, Baptists and Methodists.
 A unanimous vote was passed to call a Convention, to
 assemble at Worcester, the 1st Tuesday of Dec. at
 11 o'clock, A. M. It is to be composed of ministers only,
 and the object will be "to express their sentiments on the subject
 of slavery." It seems, by yr. letter, that the idea has reached
 Boston, as well as other places, that the proposed Conven-
 tion is to grapple with the subject of "Pastoral rights, or
 something of the kind." The object proposed by us is unde-
 luted Antislavery, and, to preclude mistake, the follow-
 ing vote was passed, viz. "That it is no part of the object
 contemplated in calling the proposed Convention, to form a
 new organization, or to act in opposition to existing orga-
 nizations." I am thus particular because I thought that in-
 formation on this point, at this juncture, in your region of
 hot-leads, I might say, crazy-brains (quoad hoc) might
 be interesting to you. I wish much to see you, and am

glad to hear from you, from time to time. Make my
house yours. as often as you can.

In haste,

Affectionately,

Geo. Allen